

1. The base allowance for Official Expenses is increased by \$15,000.

2. Each session a Member may allocate not to exceed \$30,000 from the basic Clerk-Hire Allowance which may be used to supplement the Official Expenses Allowance, and may allocate not to exceed \$30,000 from the Official Expenses Allowance to supplement the basic Clerk-Hire Allowance, provided however that monthly Clerk-Hire disbursements may not exceed 10 percent of the basic Clerk-Hire Allowance.

All disbursements and allocations shall be made in accordance with rules and regulations established by the Committee on House Administration.

#### COMMITTEE ORDER NO. 36

Resolved, That effective January 3, 1984, until otherwise provided by the Committee on House Administration, the Allowance for Official Expenses is adjusted as follows:

(1) The Travel Allowance is increased to reflect a cost per mile variable ranging from \$.23 to \$.39, with a minimum of \$6,200.

Expenditures of these funds shall be made in accordance with rules and regulations established by the Committee on House Administration.

#### COMMITTEE ORDER NO. 37

Resolved, That effective October 1, 1985, until otherwise provided by order of the Committee on House Administration, each Member is entitled to three FTS lines for use in district office(s) without charge to the official expenses allowance.

#### COMMITTEE ORDER NO. 38

Resolved, That effective August 1, 1985, until otherwise provided by the Committee on House Administration, the Clerk-Hire Allowance and the Official Expenses Allowance are adjusted as follows:

Each session a member may allocate not to exceed \$40,000 from the basic Clerk-Hire Allowance which may be used to supplement the Official Expenses Allowance, and may allocate not to exceed \$40,000 from the Official Expenses Allowance to supplement the basic Clerk-Hire Allowance, provided however that monthly Clerk-Hire disbursements may not exceed 10% of the basic Clerk-Hire Allowance.

All disbursements and allocations shall be made in accordance with rules and regulations established by the Committee on House Administration.

#### COMMITTEE ORDER NO. 39

Resolved, that effective March 15, 1990, until otherwise provided by the Committee on House Administration, the Clerk-Hire Allowance and the Official Expenses Allowance are adjusted as follows:

Each session a Member may allocate not to exceed \$50,000 from the basic Clerk-Hire Allowance which may be used to supplement the Official Expenses Allowance, and may allocate not to exceed \$50,000 from the Official Expenses Allowance to supplement the basic Clerk-Hire Allowance, provided however that monthly Clerk-Hire disbursements may not exceed 10% of the basic Clerk-Hire Allowance.

All disbursements and allocations shall be made in accordance with rules and regulations established by the Committee on House Administration.

#### COMMITTEE ORDER NO. 40

Resolved, That effective May 8, 1991, until otherwise provided by the Committee on House Administration, the Clerk-Hire Allowance and the Official Expenses Allowance are adjusted as follows: Each session a Member may allocate not to exceed \$75,000 from the basic Clerk-Hire Allowance which may be used to supplement the Official Expenses Allowance, and may allocate not to exceed \$75,000 from the Official Expenses Allowance to supplement the basic Clerk-Hire Allowance, provided however that monthly Clerk Hire disbursements may

not exceed 10 percent of the basic Clerk-Hire Allowance.

All disbursements and allocations shall be made in accordance with rules and regulations established by the Committee on House Administration.

#### COMMITTEE ORDER NO. 41

Resolved, That (a) effective September 1, 1995, and subject to subsection (b), the Clerk Hire Allowance, the Official Expenses Allowance, and the Official Mail Allowance shall cease to exist and the functions formerly carried out under such allowances shall be carried out under a single allowance, to be known as the "Members' Representational Allowance".

(b) Under the Members' Representational Allowance, the amount that shall be available to a Member for franked mail with respect to a session of Congress shall be the amount allocated for that purpose by the Committee on House Oversight under paragraphs (1)(A) and (2)(B) of subsection (e) of section 311 of the Legislative Branch Appropriations Act, 1991 [2 U.S.C. 59e(e)(1)(A), (2)(B)], plus an amount equal to the amount permitted to be transferred to the former Official Mail Allowance under paragraph (3) of that subsection.

SEC. 2. The Committee on House Oversight shall have authority to prescribe regulations to carry out this resolution.

#### CROSS REFERENCES

Authority of Committee on House Oversight of House of Representatives to combine House Clerk Hire Allowance, Official Expenses Allowance, and Official Mail Allowance into Members' Representational Allowance, see section 57b of this title.

#### SECTION REFERRED TO IN OTHER SECTIONS

This section is referred to in section 57a of this title.

### **§57a. Limitation on authority of Committee on House Administration to fix and adjust allowances**

(a) Until otherwise provided by law, any allowance specified in subsection (a)(1) of the first section of H. Res. 457, Ninety-second Congress, relating to expenditures of funds from the contingent fund of the House of Representatives for certain allowances to Members, officers, and standing committees of the House (2 U.S.C. 57), adopted July 21, 1971, and enacted as permanent law by the Supplemental Appropriations Act, 1972 (Public Law 92-184; 85 Stat. 627), hereinafter in this section referred to as "H. Res. 457, Ninety-second Congress", may be fixed or adjusted only through the adoption of a resolution by the House of Representatives, except that the Committee on House Administration may fix or adjust such allowance in any case in which such action by such committee is made necessary by—

(1) any change in the price of materials, services, or office space;

(2) any technological change or other improvement in electrical or mechanical equipment; or

(3) any increase in the cost of living which results in action under the Federal Pay Comparability Act of 1971.

(b) Upon the date of the adoption of this section, the authority of the Committee on House Administration under H. Res. 457, Ninety-second Congress, shall be subject to the provisions of this section.

(Pub. L. 94-440, title II, §101, Oct. 1, 1976, 90 Stat. 1448.)

## REFERENCES IN TEXT

Subsection (a)(1) of the first section of H. Res. 457, Ninety-second Congress, referred to in subsec. (a), is classified to section 57(a)(1) of this title.

The Federal Pay Comparability Act of 1971, referred to in subsec. (a)(3), probably means the Federal Pay Comparability Act of 1970, Pub. L. 91-656, Jan. 8, 1971, 84 Stat. 1946. For complete classification of this Act to the Code, see Short Title note set out under section 5301 of Title 5, Government Organization and Employees, and Tables.

## CODIFICATION

Section is based on House Resolution No. 1372, Ninety-fourth Congress, July 1, 1976, which was enacted into permanent law by Pub. L. 94-440.

## CHANGE OF NAME

Committee on House Administration of House of Representatives treated as referring to Committee on House Oversight of House of Representatives by section 1(a) of Pub. L. 104-14, set out as a note preceding section 21 of this title.

**§ 57b. Members' Representational Allowance**

Notwithstanding any other provision of law, effective September 1, 1995, the Committee on House Oversight of the House of Representatives shall have authority—

(1) to combine the House of Representatives Clerk Hire Allowance, Official Expenses Allowance, and Official Mail Allowance into a single allowance, to be known as the "Members' Representational Allowance"; and

(2) to prescribe regulations relating to allocations, expenditures, and other matters with respect to the Members' Representational Allowance.

(Pub. L. 104-53, title III, § 314, Nov. 19, 1995, 109 Stat. 538.)

## CODIFICATION

Section is from the Legislative Branch Appropriations Act, 1996.

## CROSS REFERENCES

For establishment of Members' Representational Allowance, see Committee Order No. 41, set out as a note under section 57 of this title.

**§ 58. Mail, telegraph, telephone, stationery, office supplies, and home State office and travel expenses for Senators****(a) Authorization for payment from Senate contingent fund**

The contingent fund of the Senate is made available for payment (including reimbursement) to or on behalf of each Senator, upon certification of the Senator, for the following expenses incurred by the Senator and his staff:

(1) telecommunications equipment and services subject to such regulations as may be promulgated by the Committee on Rules and Administration of the Senate;

(2)(A) stationery and other office supplies procured for use for official business, and

(B) metered charges for use of copying equipment provided by the Sergeant at Arms and Doorkeeper of the Senate;

(3)[(A) Repealed. Pub. L. 101-520, title I, § 11, Nov. 5, 1990, 104 Stat. 2260] (B) postage on, and fees and charges in connection with official

mail matter sent through the mail other than the franking privilege upon certification by the Senate Sergeant at Arms and subject to such regulations as may be promulgated by the Committee on Rules and Administration, and (C) costs incurred in the preparation of required official reports, and the acquisition of mailing lists to be used for official purposes, and in the mailing, delivery, or transmitting of matters relating to official business;

(4) official office expenses incurred (other than for equipment and furniture and expenses described in paragraphs (1) through (3)) for an office in his home State;

(5) expenses incurred for publications printed or recorded in any way for auditory and visual use (including subscriptions to books, newspapers, magazines, clipping, and other information services);

(6) subject to the provisions of subsection (e) of this section, reimbursement of travel expenses incurred by the Senator and employees in his office;

(7) expenses incurred for additional office equipment and services related thereto (but not including personal services), in accordance with regulations promulgated by the Committee on Rules and Administration of the Senate;

(8) charges officially incurred for recording and photographic services and products; and

(9) such other official expenses as the Senator determines to be necessary.

Payment under this section shall be made only upon presentation of itemized vouchers for expenses incurred and, in the case of expenses paid or reimbursed under paragraphs (6) and (9), only upon presentation of detailed itemized vouchers for such expenses. Vouchers presented for payment under this section shall be accompanied by such documentation as is required under regulations promulgated by the Committee on Rules and Administration of the Senate. No payment shall be made under paragraph (4) or (9) for any expense incurred for entertainment or meals.

**(b) Limits for authorized expenses; recalculation formula**

(1)(A) Except as is otherwise provided in the succeeding paragraphs of this subsection and subject to subparagraph (B) of this paragraph, the total amount of expenses authorized to be paid to or on behalf of a Senator under this section shall not exceed for calendar year 1977 or any calendar year thereafter an amount equal to one-half of the sum of the amounts authorized to be paid under this section on the day before August 5, 1977, to or on behalf of both of the Senators from the State which he represents, increased by an amount equal to twenty percent thereof and rounded to the next higher multiple of \$1,000.

(B) In the event that the term of office of a Senator begins after the first month of any such calendar year or ends (except by reason of death, resignation, or expulsion) before the last month of any such calendar year, the aggregate amount available to such Senator for such year shall be the aggregate amount computed under paragraph (1) of this subsection, divided by 12, and multiplied by the number of months in such